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In Brief

TLTR Proposals

The Teaching, Learning, and Technology Roundtable (TLTR) is now accepting proposals from students, faculty and university departments for the funding of special projects in response to technology problems. The due date for Spring 2000 proposals is Feb. 23, which should be submitted to the Administrative Secretary in Egan Library, Room 208. For more information contact TLTR Chair Richard Hacker at 465-6347.

UA Budget Talk

UA President Mark Hamilton gave his annual budget report to a joint session of the House of Representatives and Senate Finance Committees on February 3. Hamilton outlined his budget proposal of \$16.9 million, emphasizing the need for increased vocational education and money for research. Hamilton's vision for the UA includes nurse training, aerospace support industries, and information technology training. UAS students Josh Horst, Kean Nuttall, and David Jackson were in attendance along with UAS Chancellor John Pugh.

Bob Green to retire

UAS Physical Plant Director Bob Green has announced his retirement effective at the end of April. Green, who will be 65 in April, has worked at UAS for nearly 25 years. "It was a difficult decision," Green said. "There is so much left to do."

Important Dates

- 2/8-9 USUAS Special Election
 - Avoiding Procrastination
- 2/10 presented by Teri Smith, 8 p.m. at Housing Lodge
- 2/11 Student Gov. Meeting, Maurant Conf. Rm, 1 p.m.
- 2/11 Valentine's Disco Dance, 9 p.m. at SAC
- 2/12 Banff Film Festival 7 p.m. at Cent Hall
- 2/14 Valentine's Day
- 2/16 "Cucumber Party" 8 p.m. at Housing Lodge
- 2/17 Board of Regents Meeting
- 2/18 Next Whalesong Issue

UAS Millennium in Cuba

By Chris Flanagan
Whalesong Reporter

Most of us won't forget where we chose to welcome in the year 2000. Some were at home in front of a fire with the one they love; others went out kicking up what nightlife Juneau can offer. Many kept it to a minimum (transiting a new millennium seemed more meaningful, more solemn, even more dangerous to some) while others went all out cruising the international date line on rented yachts, or bending elbows deep into the night with friends. Some traveled to exotic locales uncounted. But few, if any, brought in the New Year with as much panache as the 13 UAS representatives who gathered on an isolated stretch of tropical beach near a place called Rancho Luna on the southern coast of Cuba. With the Caribbean lapping upon the warm sands of Rancho Luna, the group witnessed an unforgettable big-yellow-beachball-sunset.

"That was the most amazing sunset I've ever seen!" Said Assistant Professor of Spanish Rick Bellagh, who organized and led the trip. The group built a big fire on the beach and enjoyed the cheer and good company of their fellow explorers.

Two weeks earlier, on Dec. 17th, Spanish professor Rick Bellagh and 12 UAS students embarked upon a unique month long adventure from Alaska to Miami, to Havana and the Republic of Cuba, well beyond the narrow confines of what our beltway spinmasters have formally referred to as the new world order.

Having organized and led two previous student expeditions, one to Mexico and another to Ecuador, Professor Bellagh and his students had something different in mind for this trip, namely the heightened challenge of navigating an ostracized country struggling with the decline of its own socialist system, a country just before the fall, a tropical agrarian republic with a deep, rich culture and no established



Rick Bellagh (far left) strolls with UAS students through the rugged fields of Cuba.

transportation system or traditional western tourism infrastructure.

Only a year ago this trip would have been illegal. When they say "change is good" they mean changes that go something like this... In 1998 Pope John Paul II made a historic visit to Havana, where at one point during a speech to millions, he faced north, and made a veiled plea to America insisting, "the world should open up to Cuba!" Then in November of 1999 the United Nations made its most resounding statement ever on the subject, voting 155 to 2 demanding the United States put an end to its 40 year embargo of the island. Up until late last year all contact, even humanitarian in nature, was severely restricted by an outdated Cold War component of the Trading with The Enemy Act.

President Clinton's response to the Vatican, to the U.N, and to the world was to initiate a new, forward thinking direction

in US policy toward reasonable and open relations with Cuba. Without these corrective policy advances these Alaskans would not have found themselves in Miami International Airport anxiously waiting...and waiting, for the go ahead to board a plane to Havana.

After a substantial wait they boarded their charter and were off to Havana, a metropolis with a population of 3 million souls. Ironically the first thing most noticed was how small and sleepy this airport seemed, no hub this. In Havana, imposing Colonial Era defensive walls and Spanish castles still stand today. One of the next things they noticed was how, in style and pace, Cuba seemed to scream the 1950s. The cars sported fins and the settings were gritty images out of Hemingway's' sometimes dark but always machismo world. Havana and its incredible music and

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UAS Nursing Program expanding

By Marla Booth
Whalesong Reporter

With the exploding growth of the health care industry, there is an expanding need for nurses and a tremendous interest in the profession. With that training opportunity in mind, UAS is expanding its nursing program to help fill that need.

The Juneau, Ketchikan and Sitka campuses are working through Weber State University (WSU) in Ogden, Utah in what is called a bridge program. UAS offers about half of the course requirements in the nursing program here in Juneau and those courses not offered here are given via the Internet by WSU.

This program can be completed in two years. The first year is the Licensed Practical Nurse (LPN) program. The first year of study is the more intense of the two years because of the prerequisite courses, support courses and a certain number of credit hours that need to be spent in clinical nursing training. The nice thing about all this hard work in the first year is that while the program can be completed in two years, it doesn't mean that the two years have to be consecutive. A person who has passed

the exams and has become a certified LPN can choose to work as a LPN for some time before going on to the Registered Nurse (RN) portion of the program.

What does it take to get started in the program? Try Math 105, English 111 or Psychology 101. While they don't sound like nursing classes they are a few of the requirements for the first year. The others that seem more appropriate to the nursing field include three specific courses in Biology and two in Chemistry along with Health 203. Additionally, before beginning the LPN, each candidate must become a Certified Nurses Assistant (CNA). Many employers prefer the ladder type approach to the nursing profession. In other words, they prefer an individual to step up on each rung of the ladder from CNA to LPN to RN. In this respect it is beneficial to you that UAS requires you to have your CNA certificate in hand when you begin the program.

Each year 8-12 people are accepted into the program. Those accepted have: a) received a CNA certificate, b) gone through a health screening by a physician and c) consented to a criminal background check.

Presently both Juneau and Ketchikan have eight students enrolled in the program and Sitka has nine. The reason that there must be a minimum of 8 students and/or a maximum of 12 students has to do with clinical reasons.

The clinical practicums or classroom work for the clinical nursing requirements are done at the Bill Ray Center, downtown, but the actual hands on working with a clinical nurse is done at Bartlett Regional Hospital. While most of the other classes take place on campus, the Human Anatomy and Physiology (Bio 111/112) classes are located at the Glacier Fire Station. Students enrolled full-time can get a monthly bus pass at the campus bookstore for \$18 rather than the normal fare of \$30, if they don't have their own transportation.

New? Not so new?

Gary Bowen, Associate Dean of Faculty, explained that the program is "not really all that new." Weber State University started working in 1983 with the Sitka Campus. WSU has also been a part of programs in Bethel, Soldotna and

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Sick of the rain? Wanna get out? Here's how...

By Marla Booth
Whalesong Reporter

"For my part, I travel not to go anywhere, but to go. I travel for travel's sake. The great affair is to move."

Robert Louis Stevenson

Are you an adventurer? Do you enjoy wandering and/or moving? Would you call yourself worldly? If you answered yes to any or all of those questions you need to carry yourself to the Novatney Building, room 204. Did you answer no to all of the questions? If so, did you want to answer yes? Do you have even the slightest interest in seeing and experiencing new things, traveling to distant places or learning about other cultures (without joining a branch of the military)? Then this room has a plethora of resources just for you!

In case you didn't already know, room 204 in the Novatney Building is the academic exchanges and internships niche. Some things you can find there include, catalogs on national and international exchanges, brochures on study abroad programs, heaps of information about volunteer programs (like Job Corp.), summer programs, language schools and internships. Not to

mention a collection of videos that display international places of interest.

Why wouldn't anyone want to take advantage of programs that:

-Will cost close to if not the same as your tuition/costs here at UAS.

-Financial aid will still apply towards.

-Can work towards your current degree program.

-Offer the experience of a lifetime in a place that you, up till now, have only dreamed about.

Are you still having reservations? Maybe you should talk to these students about where they have been: Laurel McCullogh-France, Angela Rorem-Norway, Windy Winsenberg-Sweden, Becky Cook-Spain, Ani Torgerson and Sara Dow-Italy, Amber Fisher-Austria, Schyler Winnen-England, David Jackson and Marla Booth-Greece or Henry Webb-Netherlands. These people can probably pledge proficallly that you would endure a mind blowing, life-altering experience that would surpass any restitution you would incur. In other words, no matter what you pay, YOU'LL DIG IT MAN!

A visit with Elizabeth Schelle, director of Academic Exchanges and Internships, is a

step in the right direction. She can expertly guide you through the three main programs with which UAS is affiliated. First there is ISEP, the International Student Exchange Program which offers over 100 study sites for international exchanges. Second there is NSE, the National Student Exchange which offers national exchanges at 155 different campuses. Finally there is N.C.S.A., the Northwest Council on Study Abroad, which offers programs in some of the following countries: London, England, Ghana, Africa, Angers, France and Vienna, Austria, just to name a few.

Discovering which program best suits your desires and needs is something Elizabeth can help you with. That is what she did with Wonder Russell, Sherry Binky and Nona Hamilton-Head who are all in England right now. She also advised Rosie Gilbert who is harmonizing with Mozart in Austria and Shannan Schewe studiously studying in Northern Ireland. As well as, Patrick Ripp who is mingling with the French and Liza Mack who is meandering in Malta. You too can become civilized with the Greeks or learn London's infamous UNDERGROUND via the "tube."

Is that more apprehension I see glimmering

in your eyes? Or is it a glintz of excitement? Hope? Dare I say...adventure? If you'd like to hear more, there is a student club called Global Connections, that usually meets on Fridays at NOON in the Mourt Student Lounge. The club was created in 1994 to bring international awareness about other countries and cultures as well as to support study abroad programs. It's a great place to meet people with similar interests as well as the students that are currently on exchange here from abroad. Some of the happenings at the weekly meetings include guest speakers, slide shows, discussions on different experiences with traveling and also planning and scheduling for other club events such as a monthly international dinner and a movie, this month's theme is a French rendezvous.

If you'd like to be on an e-mailing list for the Global Connections newsletter just e-mail Elizabeth Schelle at: elizabeth.schelle@uas.alaska.edu or call at 465-6455. Also, if you'd like to check out the UAS affiliated programs on line go to: ISEP: www.isep.org
NSE: www.buffalostate.edu/~nse/
NCSA: www.aha-intl.org
HAPPY TRAILS!

Chancellor's and Dean's Lists UAS Fall '99 top academic students recognized

To be eligible for the Chancellor's List a student must earn a 4.00 grade-point average. To be eligible for the Dean's List at least a 3.50 grade-point average is required. To qualify, students must be enrolled in an undergraduate degree program and must complete at least 12 credit hours during the semester.

The following UAS students were named to the Chancellor's List:

Jennifer Blair, Cheri Cadiente, Jessica Campbell, Amber Fisher, Ptarmica Garnick, Jennifer Griffin, Dustin Hood, Dona Kaiyala, Timothy Kingwell, Marilyn Kreta, Joseph Krzesni, Sarah Lawrence-Oldfield, Amber Lee, Deborah McBride, Joanna McDowell, Rose Medeiros, Yana Polyakova, Joyanne Spencer, Amanda Webb.

The following UAS students were named to the Dean's List:

Meredith Arnoldt, Heath Barger, Deborah Barry, Sarah Barry, Walter Burak, C. Rocky Burt, Patricia Canup, Diana Collins, Kimberly Cook, Galadriel Currin, Sandi Dalton
Sarah Ely, Aaron Felker, Benjohn Flores, Ryan Garner, Aaron Gelston, Rosanne Gilbert, Jamie Gray, Roger Griffin, Ernestine Hayes, Josh Horst, Edward Hotch, Cathy Isadore, John Jefferson, Ron Keizer, Shannon Kempton, Teresa Kissel, Nina Kraft, Robert Kreiger, Yelizaveta Lavrushina, Jessica Lee, Tracy Lingle, Angelica Lopez-Campos, Maia Lowder, Mark Lundahl, Michael Maas, Juan MacFarlane, David Mason, Christopher McGraw, Jeanna McGregor, Behhinn McIlroy, Sean McQueen, Catherine Meier,

Mary Miller, Eric Morrison, Stephanie Moxie, Kent Nicholson, Anthony Nizich, Kristina Nore, Lori Oldacres, Julie Olson, Laura Paresky, Linda Parker, James Parkin, Karinda Perdon, Nellie Petkova, Kimberly Porter, Lisa Ray, Rachel Reese, Sarah Robinson, Angela Rorem, Ruth Ryder, Shannan Schewe, Cristofer Schilling, Pavel Shalimov, Vasily Shalimov, Kristy Smith, Ariel Snyder, Vanessa Stevenson, Christianna Torgerson, Emily Wescott, Miller White IV, Davyn Williams, Sunshine Winn, Lori Zagar, Sherri Zhang, Sharla Zimmerman.

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Fairbanks, so they've been around and should be around at least through next fall.

It is the intention of those working with the program to have the University of Alaska-Anchorage (UAA) take the place of Weber State in servicing Juneau. This transition should take place by the fall of 2001 or as soon as UAA meets the specifications of the National Nursing League of Certification (something they are working on now). When this happens the change should benefit the students greatly as Weber State's tuition and other costs tend to be a bit more on the expensive side.

While the basics of the nursing program have been around awhile, it is changing and expanding. There are new course offerings and two new faculty members-Marianne Stillner and Deborah Barnett. Stillner will develop, coordinate and direct the program, she received her masters degree in Child Psychiatric nursing from Boston University. She is certified as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner and has taught in a similar bridge program in Midway, Kentucky. Here at UAS, she will have a major role in the further refinement and formalities of the nursing program. Eventually she will also begin teaching the clinical nursing practicums. While Stillner is not new to Alaska or the Juneau area she is new to UAS and is working jointly with Gary Bowen, to get up to speed on the infrastructure of the program. For more information about the UAS nursing program, call 465-8775. Barnett, has her PhD. in Developmental Biology from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. In the past she has taught biochemistry and embryology at St. Matthews University, school of medicine. Here at UAS, she is a term appointed instructor for the nursing program. Her main goal is to give a strong base of biology and chemistry to the students enrolled in the program. The classes that she teaches this semester are Chemistry 104 and Biology 242, of which both are pre-requisites to the more advanced and specialized courses in the program.

UAS BAKESALE



At the Housing Lodge on
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cabarets were not primary on the agenda. They had a country to see.

After a few days of acclimation in Havana the group headed to the southwest end of the country to Penar Del Rio, a city where neoclassical colonnades line the city streets, a city with more bicycles per capita than any city in Cuba, and a whole lot of tobacco processing and cigar making factories.

By now the group was getting used to the music that was everywhere. The rhythms of Africa married to the melodies and guitars of the Spanish evolved in the hills of the oriente before the turn of the century incorporating guitars, tres, bass, bongos, claves, maracas

"Cuba was such a musical place, a very musical culture."

-Tia Anderson-

and voice. From these have evolved mambo, salsa, son, chachacha' and a half dozen other forms popular across the world today. "Cuba was such a musical place, a very musical culture," said Tia Anderson. "Their music was so beautiful and passionate. Everywhere we went there was music being played or being broadcast."

The next stop for these travelers was a more remote part of the country north of Pinar Del Rio, a natural Eden known as Vinales. They spent Christmas in Vinales, in the shadow of Sierra de Vinales. In the spirit of our holiday, while in Vinales everyone got a special pal to whom they would provide a kindness of their own choosing, something to make life a little easier for that person. At Vinales, conical

limestone hills rise out of green fertile plains. The group cycled through the valley, and hiked the nearby mountains. The hills are replete with cliffs sinkholes, fissures, underground rivers and innumerable caves, and the group actually got to explore those underground sculpture gardens.

"The caves were awesome!" said an excited Tia Anderson. "I've been spelunking before in Indiana and Kentucky but this was just amazing. There wasn't a specific path, it was just exploring. At one point in the dark we realized we were stepping on these tiny stalagmite formations on the ground. They were just crunching beneath our fee, and I shuddered each time I heard that."

Next stop was the coastal city of Cienfuegos, roughly translated city of 1000 fires. Some thought a better name would have been "cienfuegos", or city of a 1000 factories! This is where the group found themselves as the New Year was approaching. They had other choices of where to spend the millennium, but as a group they chose a deserted beach near Rancho Luna to make their millenium stand; with a sunset, a bonfire, the stars, and each other.

From Cienfuegos the students traveled southeast to the city of Trinidad. There they saw Baroque church towers, carrera marble floors, museums; sun lit red tile roofs and cobblestone streets. I asked Kean Kuttall to describe the groups' living arrangements while exploring the country and he explained..."The accommodations while traveling Cuba were really interesting. Often we stayed with local families. We got a much deeper look at Cuba beneath the surface of things, a look inside the communities, inside families and inside people. The meals for us in these homes were always a massive production, and the phone would ring off the hook all day,



Tia Anderson sits in a tree, checking out her surroundings.

friendly neighbors interested in the Americans. We stayed with a string of families, just private citizens...it was sort of like an Underground Railroad, when we'd go from town to town we were going from family to family. When traveling, often our ride wouldn't buy gas openly; they would instead drive around to friend's houses' to buy it from them, buying black-market gas. The black market in Cuba is just tremendous, you can find anything there it's just a matter of going out and finding it.

From Trinidad it was northward and inland to the city of Santa Clara, site of The Battle of Santa Clara, where Che' Guevera and his rebel column defeated Batista's troops, effectively driving the Dictator out of Cuba, and winning their revolution. Santa Clara is where some of the group was hit with something resembling a flu. At this point some stayed in Santa Clara to repair, while others went their separate ways, some ventured to the north shore for the small villages and the white beaches nearby.

After some rest and relaxation in Santa

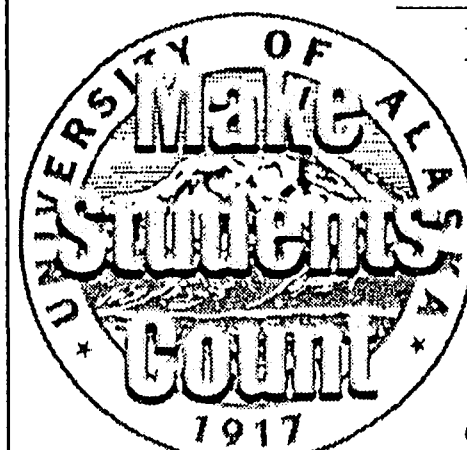
Clara it was on to Playa Giron, or the Bay of Pigs, sight of the failed CIA-backed invasion of Cuba in 1961. There was a small museum there to honor the battle. Playa Giron offered a hot sun, good beaches, and a number of snorkeling opportunities on the offshore reefs in the area. Throughout Cuba the students encountered numerable swimming, snorkeling, and even diving opportunities. Cuban waters are a netherworld. These waters have the advantage of warm, nutrient rich currents, which produce an aquatic nirvana of abundant sea life that few places on earth can match. Adrian Berg told me, "I've kept aquariums most of my life, but this was something else again. It was like swimming in a fish tank."

From Playa Giron it was back to Havana for a few days. Time to see some shows, some cabarets, some truly amazing bands, and even a magic show. Then it came time to bid beautiful, sleepy, Cuba goodbye. I'm glad I didn't go, only because I might've stayed.



UAS students hang out with Cubans and enjoy the native music.

Do you know a university staff person who deserves recognition for providing outstanding service to students? Nominate them for the Make Students Count Award!



Last year, one person each from Statewide, UAA, UAF, and UAS received an award certificate, two Alaska Airlines domestic tickets and \$1,000.

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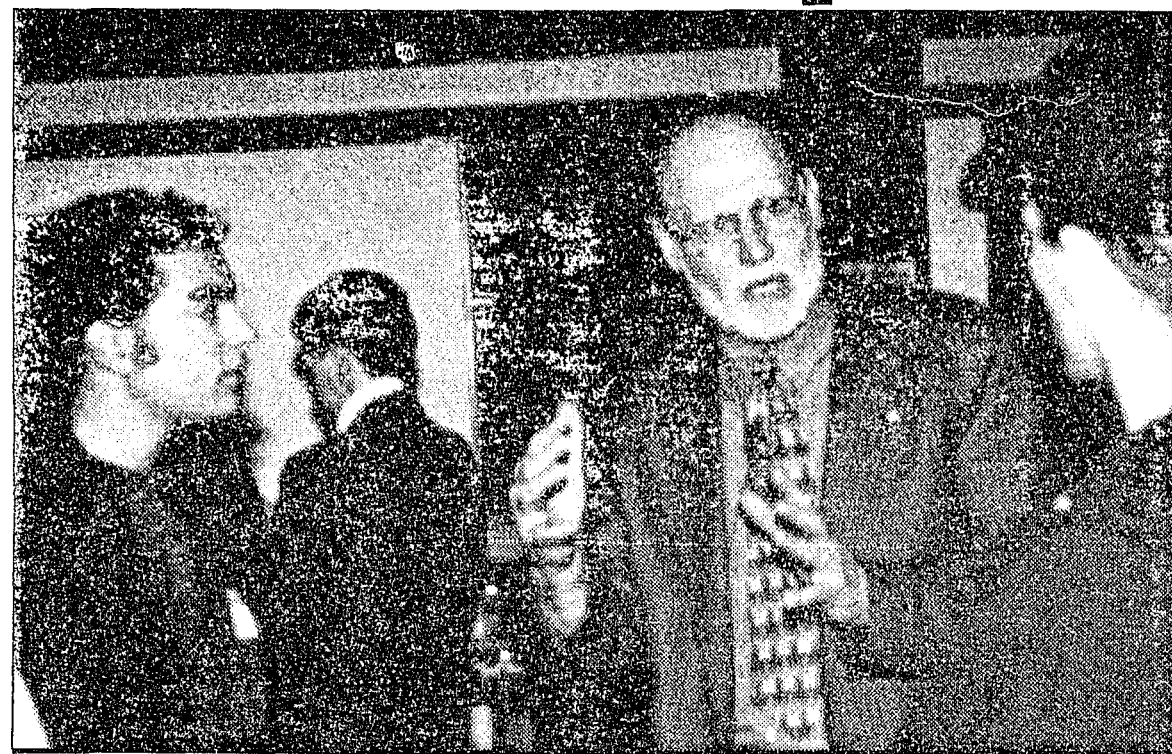
President Hamilton speaks at UAS

By Wilson Walz
Whalesong Production Manager

University of Alaska President Mark Hamilton was in Juneau on January 20 to address students, faculty, staff, and invited dignitaries on the need for legislative aid. A public reception and presentation gave the university and community a chance to mingle with President Hamilton, Chancellor John Pugh, faculty, staff and students.

President Hamilton gave a speech in which he voiced the following, "Economic Development Diversification can only be reached through education. Alaska must turn towards its universities to accomplish this goal. The university is the only option for Alaskan development; fifteen percent of Alaska's school superintendents, thirty percent of the Alaska's teachers, and forty percent of Alaska's principals are products of Alaskan universities. We have to stop believing that we have to import from the motherland to be successful, we have to beat this." Education, health care, logistics, information technology, natural resource management and development, as well as vocational education are the top priorities that need to be addressed for the future of UA, as identified by President Hamilton.

Hamilton is going to ask for, "...a total of a \$100 million for the next five



David Jackson looks on as President Hamilton discusses UA's economic future.

years...16.9 million for the following year..." Hamilton also touched on the fact that Alaskans need to do our part to educate our fellow Alaskans as to the importance of how this money can benefit the state and people of Alaska. The university is here to serve the state, and to do this education must be a state priority. "More than an economic engine, the University of Alaska is the key to Alaska's future. It sparks imagination

and provides the energy for a better quality of life for all Alaskans. Since its founding, the University has been part of the socio-economic success and cultural vitality of Alaska," added Hamilton.

Hamilton presented the UA budget to a joint session of the House and Senate Finance Committee on February 3. He also met with the chairs of the Senate Finance Committee to discuss the budget. UA

Student Regent, Josh Horst, is most impressed with the new plan for the university, and said, "President Hamilton's faith in the youth of Alaska will lead the state into a profitable future." The importance of student involvement with the State Senate is of great importance to the future of Alaska's education system, "it is increasingly important that throughout this legislative session that students become informed about the state's budget and the needs of the University of Alaska," said Horst. Contact your legislatures and voice your concerns. To learn more about contacting your legislature, contact anyone of your student government representatives or stop by the student government office located across from the UAS bookstore in the Mourant Building.

If the UA hopes to have a chance of being a leading force in the future of Alaska, the university must have the support of its leaders. Gov. Tony Knowles stated, "By reversing years of inattention, we are turning the corner on making the University of Alaska truly great."

UA Pres. Hamilton said, "Investment in education is not one among many choices to ensure a prosperous future for Alaska - it is the only choice. We are just waiting to launch! It can be glorious!"

New Biology professor ready to explore Alaska

By Cindy Triebel
Whalesong Reporter

She doesn't look old enough to hold a Ph.D and could easily be mistaken for a student. But in the case of Assistant Professor of Biology Ginny Eckert, looks can be deceiving-she is already an experienced and accomplished marine biologist and research diver.

Like the oceanic larvae she studies, she has been constantly on the move sampling oceans from the Atlantic to Antarctica, Jamaica to California and now the biologically rich waters off Alaska.

Eckert recently came to UAS with doctorate in hand from the University of California Santa Barbara. Eckert now works alongside another recent California transplant, Assistant Professor of Marine Biology Sherry Tamone, and Biologists Brendan Kelly, and Beth Mathews.

Eckert believes that experience led her to become a field biologist. She wants her students to have similar experiences. An experienced diver, Eckert would like to see students eventually get the proper training to do research diving in subtidal areas. "There is so much to be studied here in Alaska, and very little has been investigated, considering the size of the state," said Eckert.

Eckert grew up in New Jersey and has always lived on or near the coast. She finished high school in New Jersey then moved to New Hampshire where she earned an undergraduate biology degree

and a teaching certificate from Dartmouth College. In 1991 Eckert began attending the University of Florida in Gainesville where she earned a Masters in Biology. It was here that Eckert received the Vice Admiral William W. Behrens Award for Oceanography from the Florida Institute of Oceanography and Florida Academy of Sciences, along with several other grants and awards including an Honorable Mention from the National Science Foundation.

Eckert's area of research is on reproductive and larval biology of marine invertebrates including population ecology, evolution of life histories and ecotoxicology.

The kind of work Eckert does focuses on the really young individuals. In fisheries biology, in the past the focus has been more on the adults. Eckert studies the juvenile stages of animal life cycles. It might be that some of the really young individuals can influence the population dynamics and numbers that scientists ask with. In other words, Eckert studies the input of babies to a population.

"One of the things I'm interested in Southeast Alaska is how these animals move around. One question I will focus on is dispersal at this really young stage," said Eckert.

Although both Eckert and Tamone were in California working as marine biologists, the two had never crossed paths until they met at UAS.

"It's interesting because I focus on field animals and what an animal does in the field. Sherry focuses on physiology, and my focus is ecology. Sherry works with the chemical interactions of an organism and its environment on a microscopic level. Sherry and I could work on the same question, but work on different aspects of it," said Eckert.

Tamone studied reproductive physiology of crabs. Eckert could work on the ecological reproduction of crabs and together the two of them could jointly solve a problem that either one wouldn't necessarily be able to solve independently.

Sherry Tamone is pleased to be working with Eckert. "We are very

compatible and it is very easy to team-teach our Invertebrate Zoology course. Our fields of expertise (in invertebrate biology) are different, but they complement each other in such a way that I can foresee many future research collaborations.

Eckert, her husband Matthew Jones and their black lab Alyeska enjoy the outdoors. They look forward to getting out and seeing different places. Glacier Bay is of course a must, and then there is so much more to see and do. Eckert says that once again she is faced with the same problem she faced as a graduate student, that is, picking out projects. There is so much to explore and learn. As long as she's here, she isn't likely to run out of ideas.

Latin Rythms

Come dance to the Spanish beat!

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- Contests
- Chips and salsa

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Saturday Snowshoe Adventure to Moller Cabin

By Rob Carruth
Whalesong Reporter

Talk about a full and active day, last Saturday six of us went on an adventure up the Dan Moller Trail on Douglas Island. The morning started at the Student Activity Center where snowshoes were rented and one student picked up his Telluride Skies. We decided on Dan Moller Trail as our destination; we did equipment checks and headed on down the highway. We reach the bottom of the trail at about 11 A.M. and strapped on our gear and headed up the mountain.

First, I thought that I needed to race up the hill, but realized that we were out there for fun and not to race. We gradually made it up the snowy mountainside stopping for water breaks when needed. When stopping for water, it made an excellent time to get to know the fellow students that I was hiking with.

What made the three-hour trek to our destination, the Dan Moller Cabin, so fun was the company enthusiasm and diversity of the people that I went with. Brian, the organizer of this expedition had many good pointers and stories to help us up the mountain. Dave, ranch boy from North Dakota, was very knowledgeable when it came to snowshoeing, he had been up the trail a week prior. He really helped us and gave us courage to make it to the cabin. To me the hike up the trail was very slow and painful. I felt out of shape and out of place, but once we made it to the cabin, I began to

enjoy the journey much more.

As a virgin snowshoer, I found it exhilarating and would love to do it again. Until that day I didn't even now what snowshoes were, let alone how to walk in them. I quickly realized that there is not much to snowshoeing, it is the hike that's hard, whether in snowshoes or not. Making it to the top, the Dan Moller Cabin, was an accomplishment that left me with a sore back and great memories, along with new friends. All in all, it took us about three hours to get up and about an hour and a half to get down. Going down the mountain was a blast everyone was wet, hungry and eager to get



Dino, Nikki, Dave, and Steph enjoy a day on the mountain. Six students rallied to the Dan Moller Cabin and earned the respect of Mother Nature.

home to a warm shower. At the same time there was this sense of a happiness and joy that rained though the whole group. For some, the joy of just being outdoors, the joy of being on a mountain and for others it was the feeling of pride of completing this trip so meaningful.

Climbing Wall nearly finished

Anticipated to be operational by the end of the Month

By Rob Carruth
Whalesong Reporter

Class work, portfolios, presentations, labs, and deadlines-is school driving you to distraction sometimes? Makes you feel like climbing the wall? Well, by the end of this month, you'll be able to do just that when the new hotly anticipated climbing wall will be done. What a great way to kill some time on the weekend or maybe between classes. I can't wait until the wall is finally finished. I just visited the Student Active Center and don't worry climbing enthusiast, and fellow students; it will be done soon. SAC Manager, Dave Kleinpeter, ensured me that the, "Climbing wall will be done by late February, if not sooner."

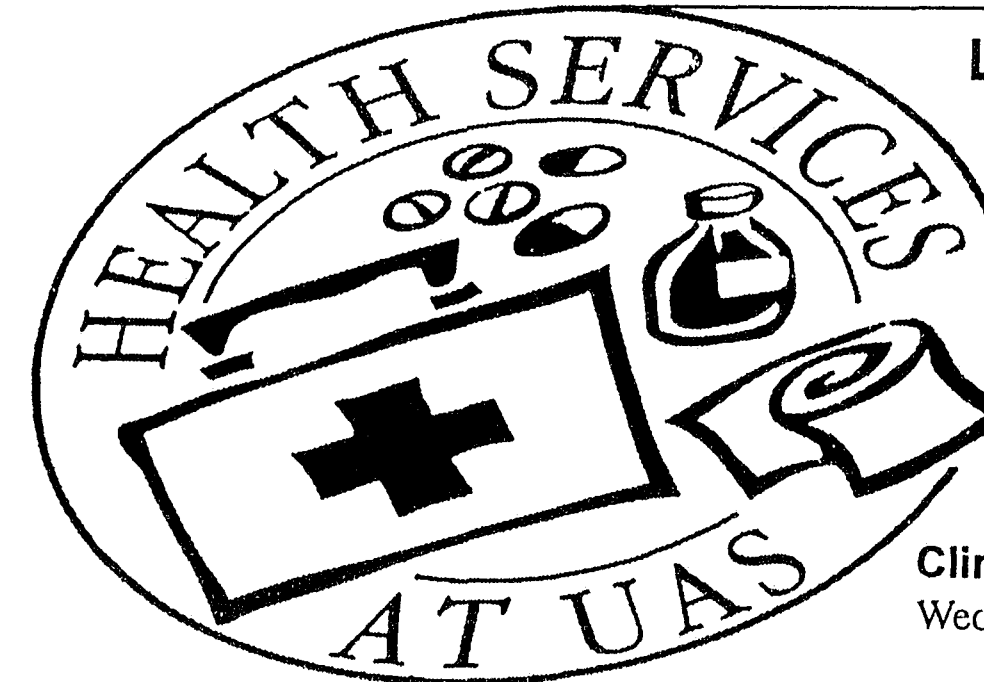
Jim McCarthy, carpenter and designer from Vertical World the company building the wall, had some problems with locating the right materials in time to meet past deadlines. However, the wall is nearly finished, and Dave Kleinpeter believes the wall will be ready in time for the first climbing class on March 23.

The wall will offer many different elements of rock climbing, the major being bouldering (free climbing). The wall is designed by a Vertical World, one the leading climbing wall builders in the nation. The wall, when finished will have 600 holds and will have several paths to choose from. The difficulty range will vary greatly from the easy paths to extremely difficult paths, so all may enjoy. And not to worry, for those of you who are beginners, the SAC will be giving orientation before students climb the wall. For students who would like to be involved, there will be a climbing club for those who would want to help with changing the holds and design new paths to climb. If interested in finding out more about the climbing wall process, contact Dave Kleinpeter, at 465-1920.

For those students that think that the extra money that we pay each semester is going to waste, think again. The Student Activity Center is a great place to hang out with friends or maybe meet some fellow students for the first time. If a little extra dollars a semester gets me a place where I can play pool, foosball, ping pong, watch TV, get on the Internet, climb a wall, rent outdoor equipment or just hang out and listen to music, I'm all for it. So for all you students that haven't been down to the SAC, go check it out, because it was built for you.



Dave Kleinpeter shows off the new climbing equipment.



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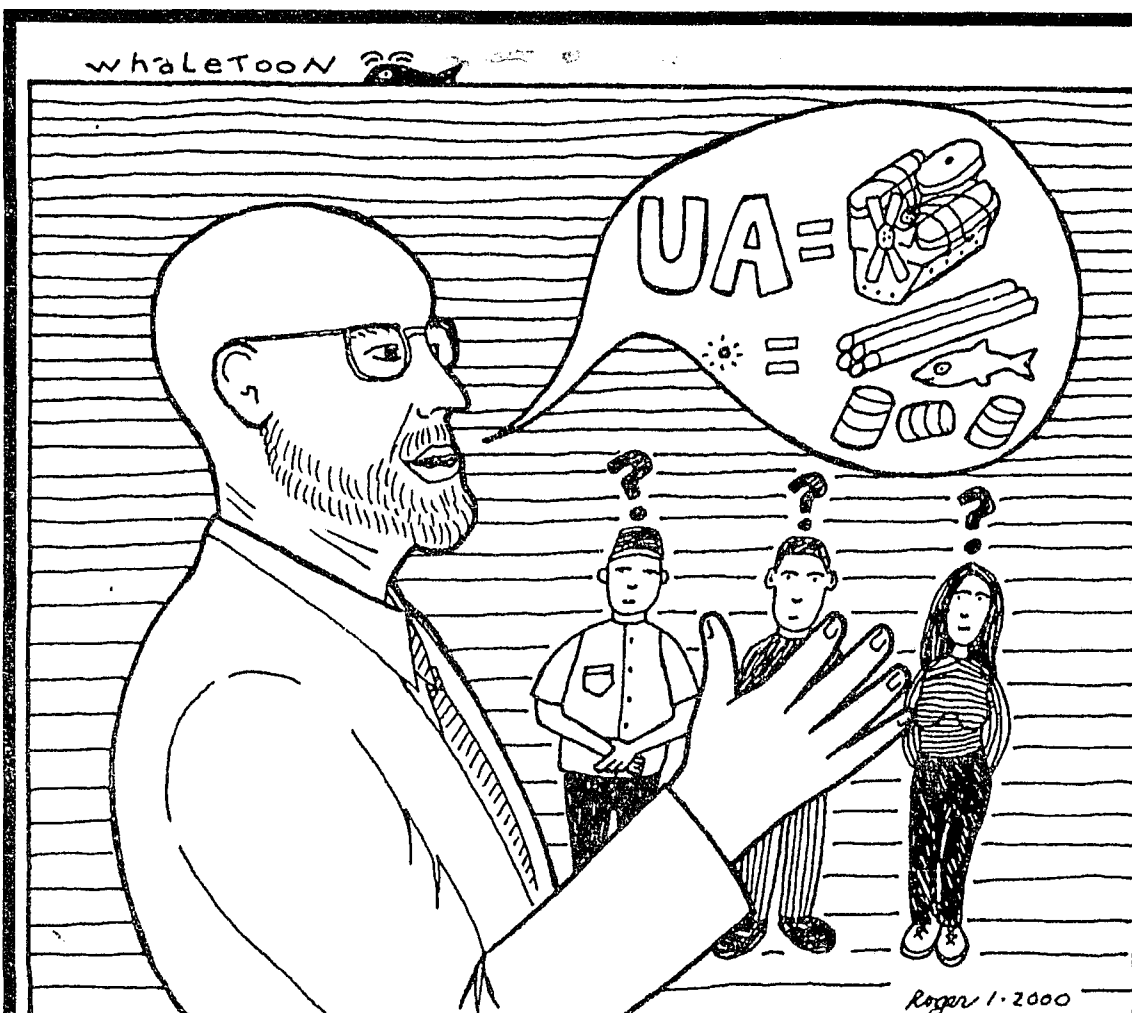
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Ask Dr. Love

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Dear Dr. Love,
There is this really cute guy that I see around campus. He was in one of my classes once but we never talked. But whenever I see him we exchange smiles. Is he being polite or does he really like me? What should I do?

My advice is to start a friendly conversation with him. Don't seem too anxious but don't play hard to get. If he shows interest take it from there.

Dear Dr. Love,
I was at a party and a girl gave me her phone number. How long should I wait to call.

You better call her the next day. Most, if not all girls hate to wait for phone calls. If she gave you her number it means she likes you. So you better call quick or it might be too late. One more thing do not show that you're desperate.

Quote
"Love builds highways out of dead ends."
-Louis C.

Dear Dr. Love,
When I'm packing fudge, sometimes I start to think about girls, is this wrong?

No, it's really alright to think about girls or guys at any moment in life. People are beautiful. Not everyone has a good job. Whatever makes your fudge packing go by more serenely, it is probably the best possible thing you can do.

Dear Dr. Love,
Is masturbation wrong?

No.

Dear Dr. Love,
Is there such a thing as love?

Of course, love is like a Poptart, sometimes it's hot and sweet and burns your tongue, while other times it can be dry and flaky.

Dear Dr. Love,
What is the best drug to experiment with to enhance sexual pleasure?

Drugs are bad mmmkay, and they will probably make you impotent.

Dear Dr. Love,
What the hell does "be my Valentine" mean anyways?

Valentine's day is a day for love, a day to spread the love around. If you have any extra love to give, hunt down Big Daddy Luv because he always has extra love to give. Be my Valentine means, be my lover, according to "Red."

Dear Dr. Love,
I'm bad in bed, what should I do?

Practice makes perfect, preferably with a partner.

If you have any love questions for Dr. Love you can drop them off in the Whale song box outside our office in the Mourant Building. (Editor's note: these are real questions that were asked by several different people.)

The Whalesong asks students a \$25,000 Question

By Cindy Triebel
Whalesong Reporter

It's the \$25,000 question. Should we or shouldn't we take the \$25,000 pay-off. Senator Jerry Mackie of Craig got Alaskans talking in stores, schools, bars, radio, and television when he suggested his budget plan a few weeks ago.

Mackie's plan is to basically cut the \$27.5 billion Alaska Permanent Fund in half and pay \$14 billion of it at \$25,000 each Alaska resident. The remainder would continue to be invested with earnings going to help government.

Mackie believes that if Alaskans get to vote on his plan, it will go over big. Initial excitement for and against is still running high and the plan will have to be carefully considered. There are so many questions needing to be answered.

Cristiana Torgerson

"I think I would be for it because I could really use \$25,000. I'm at an age where \$25,000 sounds better to me than having money for my children or my friend's children. I'm not sure if I'll be in the state for the time it would take to accumulate that much money."

Anonymous

"I don't know much about the permanent fund. I just know that I don't get it."

Stephanie Strauss

"I would invest it. But I don't think it's a good idea because it would be just a short-term 'party.'"

Jen Dunlap

"Well I think if they give all that money to people who are here now, there won't be money left for people in the future. What would I do with the money? Buy a car."

Sara Hagen

"Well, I am eligible. I am almost a twenty-year resident of Alaska. I think, like a lot of people, it's interesting because it has opened up a lot of discussion. I need more information though, before I make a decision. It was originally set up as a trust for all Alaskans. Not just Alaskans who are here today. It needs to be given a lot of thought. It is kind of a mixed bag because it is so attractive. If you're just thinking about me, me, me, hey it sounds great. But I think we need to think about all Alaskans. What the founders of the permanent dividend fund were shooting for, the philosophy behind it. It being more of a trust for Alaskan to share in the wealth over time. So, my vote is not in yet."

Charlotte Stock

"I don't think it is really a good idea. My main concern is the senior citizens of fixed incomes. Either leave it alone or make it worth while. But don't mess up their lives. Many of them on fixed incomes get things taken away from them if they make too much money. Don't make the born and raised Alaskans sorry about it. \$25,000 is really only about two years worth of rent for a lot of people who pay about \$1000 per month rent. It's not all that much really. And then that will be the end of it. No, I'm not real hip on that idea. I think they should leave it alone or pay each Alaskan one million bucks and be done with it."

Jonathan Shire

"I'd invest it, use it for school, buy some mountaineering gear. Still, I'm not sure if I want to be paid off. Gosh, I've had it every year since it first started. I've invested it every year, saved for college. I'd have to think about it."

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"Whalesong's Wannabe Maxim Contest" (Win a year's subscription to Maxim)

Attention Whalesong readers! My Production staff and I have mimicked a contest that is popular in Maxim magazine and are calling upon your creative minds to help manifest the perfect caption for this rare photo. We were going to make this picture the "Random Photo of the Issue," but I guess that we are too brainwashed by Maxim's brilliance and feel obligated to carry on in the spirit of such a fine periodical (Yes, that is vomit in the sink). So we are experimenting with a genuine contest that will award one very fine winner with one year's subscription to Maxim magazine out of my (yes the editor's) own pocket. If this contest is successful then we may continue this tradition until we help Maxim become a household name and item. There are only two rules in our contest: 1) The winner must be a student at UAS, and 2) No profanity will be accepted for the Grand Prize. To enter, drop by your entry in the Whalesong box outside the office, which is located in the Mourant building. You can also enter by emailing the Whalesong, care of "Whalesong's Wannabe Maxim Contest" at jywhale@uas.alaska.edu. Be sure to include your name, address, and number of credits to verify your student status. (No purchase necessary to enter.)

(Several tries from the staff)

Let's drink at my place tomorrow

It always tastes better the second time.

If you think this is bad, you should see the toilet.

You wouldn't believe how far I had to stick this handle down my throat for relief.



LOVE SICKNESS

Love entered my being

Like a sudden stranger,

Kicking open the door

Of my ordered home.

In secret he awakens me,

Pouring hot kisses in my ear,

Sliding his fingers across my fevered skin

Capturing me in his eyes.

Like a sickness

He fills me with hot twisted rushes,

And I thirst for the moisture of his body

And his scent.

In shame and despair,

I revel in his presence

Behind closed curtains.

Unnamed UAS student

I Can't Explain Why I Like You

I can't explain why I like you so much

Because I haven't known you for very long

But I can't ignore my feelings

They're becoming too strong

I don't know what it is about you

That makes me feel this way

But you're always on my mind

I think about you every day

Maybe it's the sincerity

Or compassion I hear when you talk

Or maybe it's the way you carry yourself

With confidence when you walk

I wrote you this poem to let you know

That I think about you every day

And to tell you that you're liked much more

Than words could ever say.

By Jen Dunlap

REFLECTION
AS I PEE INTO THIS PUDDLE
I HAVE TO PONDER, IS THAT ME
OR ANOTHER, AS THIS VIEW
BEGINS TO MUDDLE,
WHAT IS THAT SMELL, ONE OF
RECYCLED BEER, PEE,
I KNEW NOT THAT A THUMB WAS
LONG ENOUGH TO GAG,
BUT ALAS, NOW I FEEL FUNNY
LIKE A FAG!
4 YM 4 THROAT IS SORE, AND I
FEEL USED LIKE A WHORE!
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Saturday, February 19

8:45 a.m. Continental Breakfast

9:00 a.m. Opening Address and welcome

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11:00 a.m. Break

11:15 p.m. Legislative Workshop

Nuts and bolts of what's going on the hill, how to work with legislators.

12:00 p.m. Lunch

12:30 p.m. View from the Top

Mark R. Hamilton, President, University of Alaska.

1:30 p.m. Youth Vote 2000

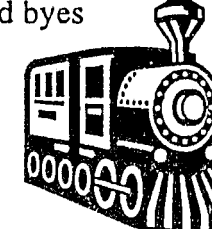
Increasing the college voice-speakers TBA

2:00p.m. Legislative Round Table

Legislators TBA

4:00p.m. Wrap Session- Voter registration, public opinion messages, and good byes

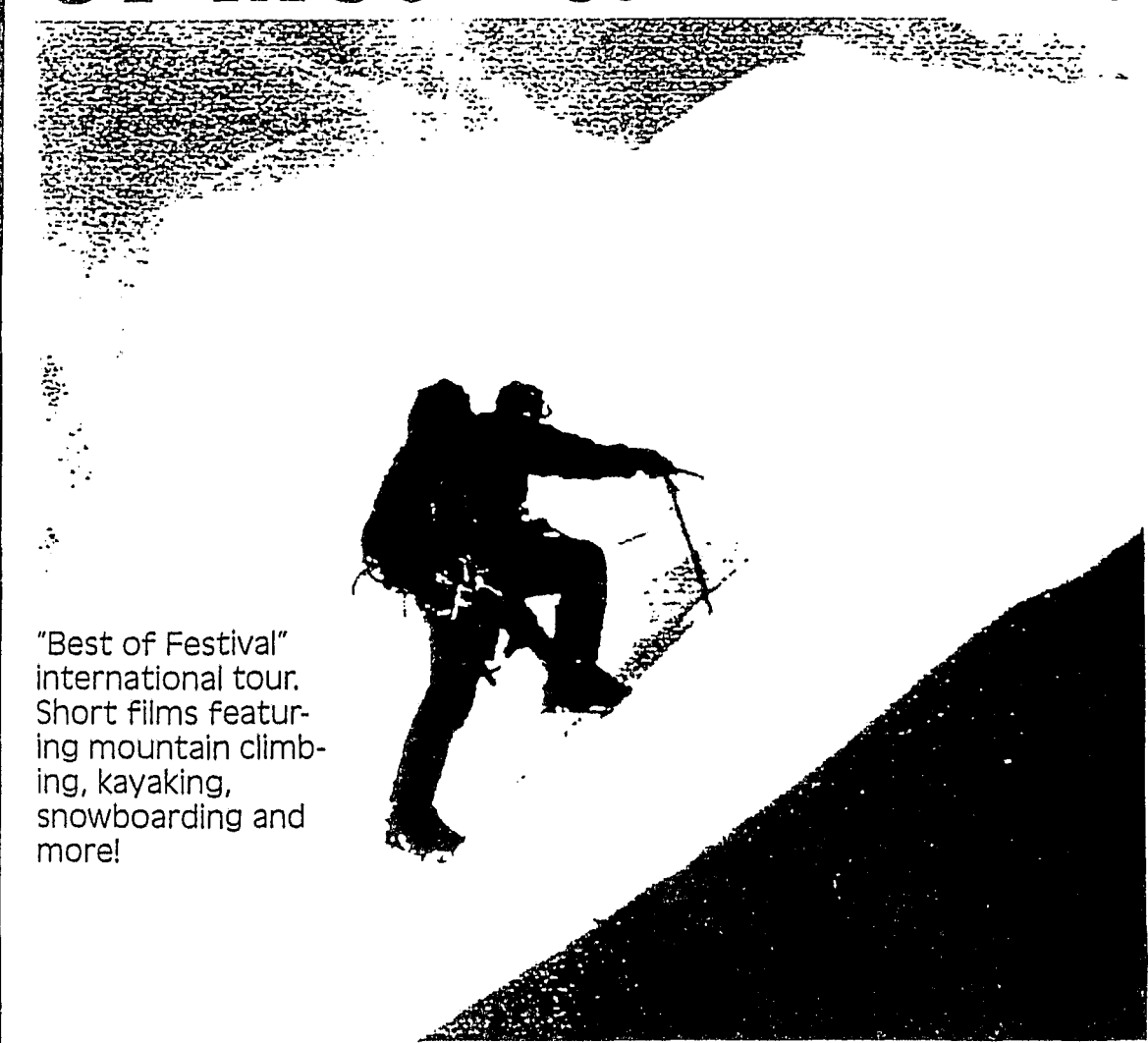
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